

Monthly Road Project Update

The City of Frisco Engineering Services Department has the most current information on road projects available online. Go to www.frisco-texas.gov/projectupdate.

1 CR 712 (Frisco St - North County) - Scope: Construction of four lanes from Frisco St. to the RR Crossing and two lanes from the RR Crossing to North County Road. Construction began July 2008. Est. completion of construction January 2009.

2 City Hall Parking Garage - Scope: Construct a five-story parking structure to accommodate roughly 500 cars. Est. completion of design is winter 2008

3 Rolater Drive (Coit - Independence)- Scope: Construct a four-lane divided roadway, which will replace the existing dirt road. Construction began December 2007. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are included in this project. Est. completion of construction is fall 2008.

4 Frisco Square Blvd. Railroad Crossing - Scope: Street connection of Frisco Square Blvd. across the railroad tracks from Cook Street to West Main Street. Project includes relocating the Elm Street crossing to Frisco Square Blvd. with the RR signal and crossing gates. Est. start of construction is August 2008; completion early 2009.

5 Eldorado Pkwy (DNT - Preston) w/ overpass - Scope: Construct the northern three lanes and the third lane on the south side. This will complete the ultimate six lane divided roadway with median and includes additional overpass at the BNSF RR. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are included in this project. Design of six-lane facility is 90 percent complete.

6 FM 2934/Eldorado Pkwy (DNT - FM 423)- Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. Utility relocations are underway to clear the area for construction. Bid by TxDOT Feb 7, 2008. Est. start of roadway construction is July 2008

7 FM 3537/Main Improvements (Custer-Preston)- Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. This project will be bid and constructed by TxDOT. Est. completion of design is summer 2009.

8 FM 423 Improvements (Stewart Creek - Eldorado) - Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with six-lane concrete roadway with median. This project will be bid and constructed by TxDOT - includes streetlights and traffic signals. Est. start of construction is fall 2009.

9 FM 423 Improvements (Eldorado Pkwy - US 380) - Scope:

Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. This project will be bid and constructed by TxDOT. Est. start of construction is spring 2010.

10 Independence Parkway (SH 121 - Main) - Scope: Construct the western two lanes of Independence Parkway from SH 121 to Rolater and four lanes from Rolater to Main Street. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway. Project includes streetlights and irrigation. Est. completion of construction summer 2008.

11 Dogwood Street (Main - McKinney) - Scope: Reconstruct Meadow Lane and Dogwood Street with concrete surface and curb and gutter. Street lighting is included in this project. Est. start of construction is fall 2008.

12 Legacy Drive (Citation - Main) - Scope: Construct the eastern three lanes. This will provide a six-lane roadway in this section. Landscaping, irrigation and street lighting are included in this project. Est. completion of construction is summer 2008.

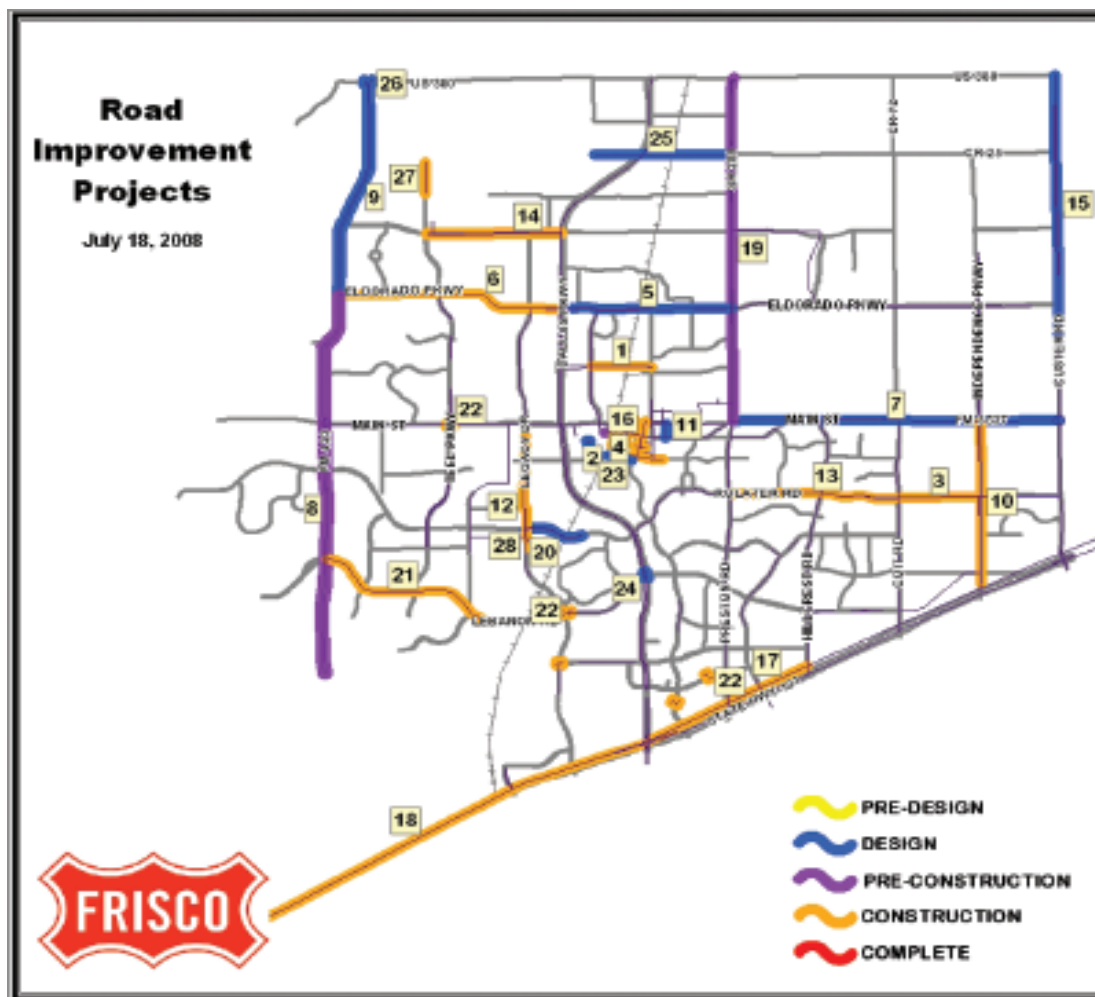
13 Rolater Road 42" Water Line (Coit Rd - Preston Rd) - Scope: Construct 42-inch steel water pipe line from Coit Road to Preston Road. Project is currently under construction. Construction is expected to be complete in spring 2009.

14 Panther Creek Pkwy (Teel - DNT) - Scope: Construction of four lane divided roadway including landscape, irrigation, and street lighting. Extend four lanes of Legacy Drive to connect with Panther Creek Pkwy. Construction of Legacy Drive underway. Panther Creek Pkwy opened to traffic on July 2, 2008. Est. completion of construction of Legacy Drive is August 2008.

15 FM 2478/Custer Rd (Stonebridge - US 380) - Scope: Widen existing two lane asphalt roadway to six-lane concrete divided roadway. This project will be bid and constructed by TxDOT. Est. start of construction is early 2009.

16 Selected Old Town Streets - Scope: Reconstruction of the following streets to concrete curb and gutter:

- First Street (West Main south to Ash) - Opened July 2008.
- Third (Oak north to Maple) - Opened Nov. 2007.
- Third (Main south to Ash) - Opened May 2008.
- Fourth (Oak north to Maple) - Opened Nov. 2007.
- Sixth (Oak north to Maple) - Opened Nov. 2007.
- Sixth (Elm South - Hickory) - Opened April 2008.
- Pecan (Fifth to Seventh) - Opened May 2008.
- Hickory (Fifth to Courtyard Dr) -



Opened March 2008.

17 SH 121 Freeway DNT to Hillcrest - Scope: Construct main lanes on SH 121 from Dallas North Toll way to Hillcrest. Est. open to traffic - fall 2008.

18 SH 121 Freeway FM 544 to DNT - Scope: Construct six main lanes and six lanes of frontage roads from FM 544 to Dallas North Toll way. Est. completion of construction is fall 2008.

19 SH 289/Preston Rd (Main - US 380) - Scope: Construct a six-lane divided roadway, which will replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway. This project will be bid and constructed by TxDOT. Design is complete. Currently, land is being acquired for the road widening. Est. start of construction is early 2009.

20 Stonebrook Pkwy (Legacy - Longhorn) - Scope: Construct four lanes with an underpass at the BNSF RR, a railroad shoofly, and a bridge at Stewart Creek. Project includes federal wetland permits and environmental coordination. Est. completion of design is fall 2008 and permitting is May 2009

21 Lebanon Road - (FM 423 - Presidents Dr.) - Scope: Construct

the southern two lanes of Lebanon Rd. from President's to FM 423 including a three lane bridge at Stewart Creek. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway. Construction began February 2008. Est. completion is early 2009.

22 Intersection Capacity Improvements - Scope: Intersection improvements at the following intersections: Gaylord/Mall Road F, Parkwood/Hammons, and Main/Teel. Construction began in June 2008. Est. completion is fall 2008.

23 Eubanks Street (Fifth St - BNSF RR) - Scope: Reconstruct Eubanks Street with concrete pavement and enclosed storm drainage. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2008 and will require six months to complete. This project is currently under design.

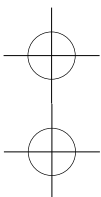
24 Lebanon & DNT Intersection Improvements - Scope: Construction of additional lanes of traffic for Lebanon to accommodate the NTTA bridge widening. The bridge will be constructed to allow for ten lanes of traffic. The current ROW only accommodates six lanes. This project will increase the lanes on the EB and WB approaches to the Tollway. Est. completion of design is summer 2008

25 Virginia Pkwy (CR 26 - Preston) - Scope: Construct six lanes from County Road 26 to Preston Rd. Project includes a bridge over BNSF RR. Construction is expected to begin in late 2009. Project is currently under design.

26 NW Infrastructure - Scope: Analyze alternative alignments for water & sewer lines to serve properties near FM 423 and US 380. Design water & sewer lines to selected alignment. Acquire ROW to construct. Analyze alternative alignments for future Virginia Pkwy from FM 423 - Preston Rd. Estimated completion of design is fall 2008. Construction expected to begin in 2009.

27 Teel Pkwy (Panther Creek Pkwy - North of Little River) - Scope: Construct eastern two lanes of Teel to provide four lanes of the ultimate six-lane road. Project is currently under construction. This project will be jointly funded by FISD. Construction began in June 2008. Est. completion August 2008.

28 Legacy 16" Water Line (Citation Court - Academy) - Scope: Construct 16-inch water line from Citation Court to Academy. Construction began in June 2008. Est. completion date is October 2008.



FOCAL POINT

Award-Winning City



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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MAHER MASO

Vacations, 'family time' and 'no school' are some of the things that come to mind when I think of summer. Hopefully everyone is having a fun, safe summer.

On a daily basis, our Police and Engineering Services Departments, namely the traffic divisions, work to help make roads safer for all of us, especially given the influx of teen drivers who are on the road during summer vacation. Our Fire Department reminds us to 'stay safe' when using pools to cool off this summer.

Collectively, our city staff works around the clock to make sure we live in the safest community possible. You can help! Visit the city's website at www.frisco-texas.gov and find "Police" and "Fire" under "Departments". Once you're there, check out "Community Services Division" at the online Police Department and find out how you can volunteer or signup to be a member of the Citizen's Police Academy. Registration for the free, education class is now underway.

Our online Fire Department has similar informative, fun, free offers. Once you click on "Fire Department", select the "Community Education" or

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Just the facts: New volunteer program designed to preserve neighborhoods

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DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS
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Helping identify city code violations is now a matter of FACT in Frisco, so to speak. The Frisco Assistant Code Team or FACT is a new program designed to preserve property values, discourage crime, promote thriving neighborhoods and increase community pride. Plus, the new program is carried out by citizen volunteers.

"I'm always looking for an extra set of eyes," said Greg Carr, Code Enforcement and Animal Control Administrator. "I love it because it expands our staff's effectiveness, so this program is really going to help our efforts".

Carr introduced the idea to the public last night during Frisco's summer Town Hall meeting. He says the program is a proactive measure, one the Planning & Development Services Department developed to address a Frisco City Council priority, namely maintaining and preserving maturing areas of the city.

"Based on our experience, once prop-

erty or places begin to decline, it can cost a lot of money to bring it (the property) up to code," said Carr.

Citizens who volunteer for FACT will be required to attend a four hour training class, where they will learn how to spot city violations. Carr cites some of the more common violations as tall grasses and weeds, trash and debris, broken fences, neglected pools, obstructed medians and any clutter causing an eyesore.

"We have city standards," said Carr. "Most people live well above those, but sometimes folks get busy and need friendly reminders. Our FACT members can only help us enforce our own Frisco city standards." Carr adds, FACT members cannot consider their personal opinions when leaving courtesy notices on their neighbors' doors.

"We can't regulate ugly. People have different opinions about what they like and what they don't. We can't enforce Home Owners Association regulations, either. We can only enforce our own city code."

Once trained, FACT mem-

bers will browse their own neighborhoods for code violations. If they spot one from a common, public area, the FACT volunteer will leave a Courtesy Notice identifying the violation and suggesting how to 'fix it.' The resident will have ten days to take care of the problem. If the problem hasn't been corrected in ten days when the citizen volunteer returns to re-inspect the property, the Code Enforcement Division will be contacted to investigate.

"We want volunteers to stay in their own neighborhoods, because they know them best. We don't want them leaving their own area to look for violations," said Carr.

Recruiting for FACT is now underway. The first training class will be held Saturday, August 2 from noon to 4 p.m. at the city's Senior Center at Frisco Square, 6670 Moore Street. For more information or to signup, call 972-292-5302. You can also e-mail code@friscotexas.gov

Carr adds, this new partnership between citizens and the city will help make Frisco cleaner, safer and more attractive for everyone.

Postcards from Frisco...



Staycation

It is the buzz word for folks who forego the traditional out-of-town vacation. With soaring airfare costs and gas prices putting the pinch on travel plans, home, sweet home is the choice destination; and there is still plenty of fun to find this summer in Frisco.

Just minutes away you can dive right into a good time at the Frisco Athletic Center's outdoor aquatic area (pictured left). Go to the home page of www.friscotexas.gov to learn more about the water park's features and many other hot spots in the city.

The Frisco Convention and Visitor's Bureau

Web site, www.visitfrisco.com is also a great resource to find a place to shop, dine, unwind, or escape even if it is just for one night.

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Talk of the 'Town'

You are never too young to think 'green.' One of Frisco's littlest shoppers shows off her new Frisco logo grocery tote. Residents who attended the July 21 Town Hall Meeting were given a bag as a thank you.

For those who could not make the meeting, you can view the presentations of the topics discussed by going online to www.friscotexas.gov/townhall. The meeting will also be broadcast on the city's cable channel, FTVN, during the month of August. That's cable channel 16 for Time Warner customers and channel 12 for those with Grande Communications service.

Even better, come check out Frisco's next Town Hall meeting for yourself. It's scheduled for Monday, October 6 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in City Council chambers.

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"Emergency Management" and get information on everything from emergency preparedness to severe weather – or learn how to become a member of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) or the Frisco Citizens Fire Academy. Registration for both of those classes is also underway.

Having a safe community is one of the many reasons why Frisco earned its first-time ever spot on the "Best Places to Live" list, published by "Money Magazine".

The prestigious publication lauded Frisco for being a retail mecca; family friendly amenities, including our hometown teams such as the Frisco RoughRiders and FC Dallas; and our outstanding schools. Frisco ranked 38 out of 100! Way to Go!

D Magazine also gave Frisco accolades in its latest publication. D Magazine says we should give ourselves a 'pat on the back' and puts Frisco at the top of its "Big Boys" list, which ranks cities with populations of 90,000 or more. On the overall list of suburbs, D Magazine lists Frisco as 21st overall among 62 DFW communities.

Several of our Departments also received awards this month. We'll tell you more about the specifics next month, but our Police Department was commended by the US Conference of Mayors and was awarded the "Livability Award"; our Environmental Services Division was recognized for our "Green Team" partnership with the Fisd and our collective recycling efforts; our Convention and Visitors Bureau's website was recognized as being one of the 'best in the state' and our Communications and Media Relations Department's received a top state award for 'Frisco Today' and was also recognized the city's 'branding and marketing' efforts.

As you can see, we have a wonderful city with a lot to be thankful for. These accomplishments are possible because of the great team we have here. You are part of this team and I want to thank you for allowing us make Frisco what it is today.

Regards,

Mayor Maher Maso

Visit us on the Web!

Check out www.friscotexas.gov, the complete guide to your city government.

Look for the latest alerts and press releases on the home page, or sign up to receive City of Frisco news at your email address.

To subscribe, go to the home page. Click on the 'E-News' link on the right-hand side of the screen.

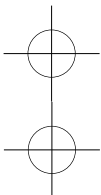
We also invite you to explore the 'Online Services' link to learn more about the city services you can access through the Internet.

CoffeeTALK

Looking for a casual environment to learn more about what's happening at City Hall? A new program initiated by Mayor Maher Maso provides that setting.

Residents are invited to grab a cup of Joe and friendly conversation during "Coffee with the Mayor". The second Monday of each month Mayor Maso will be available to listen and answer your questions from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at City Hall, which is located inside the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd.

"Coffee with the Mayor" will be held in the City Room, which is located on the fifth floor of City Hall. The next meeting happens August 11.



Soak up the sun and fun before summer ends

Even as students are thinking about hitting the books for a new school year, there's still time left to enjoy summer vacation at Frisco's Parks and Recreation facilities.

The Outdoor Aquatic Center at the Frisco Athletic Center, located at 5828 Nancy Jane Ln. features two water slides, a 600 linear foot lazy river, a lagoon pool and a large interactive play structure designed for children. This area also includes multiple interactive spray features, shade structures and picnic tables.

Use of the Aquatic Center is included with a membership to the Frisco Athletic Center. Day passes may also be purchased. Cost is \$6 for youth and \$8 for adults. The Outdoor Aquatic Center is open Monday – Saturday from 12 p.m. – 7 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

The City of Frisco Municipal Outdoor Pool is located at the corner of Maple and Mimosa streets in downtown Frisco. Day passes are \$1.25. The Outdoor Pool is closed on Mondays, but is open Tuesday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Opportunities to cool off this summer can also be found in Frisco's public parks. Shepherds Glen (12012 Shepherds Hill Drive) and J.R. Newman (8211 Twin Falls Drive) feature spray grounds. The spray grounds are free and are open daily from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. in each of the parks.

For more information go online to www.FriscoFun.org or call 972-292-6500.



FALL INTO FUN: New Frisco Fun Guide available

The folks who helped you make a splash this summer want you to continue to have a ball this fall! The summer programs and classes offered through the Frisco Parks and Recreation Department have been a big success with thousands of residents getting active. Keep that healthy and happy lifestyle going with a new batch of fitness and leisure activities for the entire family.

As of August 1, the fall Frisco Fun Guide is available to preview online at www.FriscoFun.org. Frisco Athletic Center members and past class participants will also begin receiving the guide in their mail-box beginning August 4.

To pick-up a copy of the fall guide, please visit one of the following locations: the Frisco Public Library,

Chamber of Commerce, Parks & Recreation Administration Building or the Frisco Athletic Center.

The Frisco Fun activity guide contains information on classes, programs and leagues offered through the Parks & Recreation Department. Registration for these fall classes begins August 4 for Frisco Athletic Center members. In order to benefit from this early registration, monthly members must have a current membership at the time that the class begins.

Non-members may begin registering for classes August 6. Registration is available online at www.FriscoFun.org, by mail, or in-person at the Frisco Athletic Center, located at 5828 Nancy Jane Lane, during regular hours of business.

Back to class with City Hall 101

Learning is a lifelong process, and the City of Frisco offers a great way to boost your knowledge about city government. City Hall 101 is a free program designed to give an insider's view of the way your city operates. The next City Hall 101 runs from September 15 through December 8, and new for this session – online registration.

Meet Mayor Maher Maso, city council members and city managers. Go behind the scenes of the Frisco Fire and Police Departments. Hear what it takes to build roads and plan for Frisco's future. These and many more topics are covered during the 11 week program which runs on Monday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The initial "kick off" session on September 15 will be held at the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd.; however, the locations of Monday night sessions will change to correspond with the department being discussed.

City Hall 101 is open to citizens 18 and older. Class size is limited to 25 participants. First preference will be given to Frisco residents. Online registration will be available beginning August 1 on the city's website, www.friscotexas.gov. From the home page click on the 'Project/Programs' tab and then select 'City Hall 101' from the drop-down menu. For more information, contact Amy Gill at 972-292-5103 or agill@friscotexas.gov.

Frisco Public Library offers new convenience: online library card registration

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LIBRARY TECHNICIAN

Frisco Public Library now offers online registration for library cards. Your library is the first in the nation to offer this service among all of the libraries that use the same operating system as Frisco.

Customers can now register for library cards online from home or in the library at any of the catalog-accessible computers. From home, users go to the library website, www.friscolibrary.com, and click on "Catalog" and then "New Patron Registration" to access the form. At the library, users click on "New Patron Registration," on the search screen of the online catalog computers. After filling out the online form and selecting a personal identification number (PIN), the patron receives a library card number.

Using the library card number along with a PIN allows the patron to draw on all of the library's online features, such as placing materials on hold or using an online database. However, every new member will need to pick up his actual library card to check out materials. Customers pick up their library cards at the first-floor Cards and Accounts Desk by showing valid picture ID and proof of address. The new cards are available approximately fifteen minutes after the online application is submitted.

This service not only offers greater convenience to library customers, but it is also cost-effective. Processing each online application takes five minutes less staff time than a paper application does. That may not sound like much, but in a busy month like July, when library staff process about 2,000 applications, the savings can add up to 10,000 minutes, or 167 hours — nearly the equivalent of a full-time employee!

Another bonus of the system is reduced paperwork, and who doesn't want less of that?

If you have not applied for a library card yet, there has never been an easier way. For more information on the new online applications, please visit www.friscolibrary.com.

HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

August 4

- Frisco Public Arts Board Meeting, Conference Room 5A, 6:30 p.m.

August 5

- Downtown Advisory Board, 5th Floor Conference Room, 12 p.m.
- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

August 11

- Frisco Square Municipal Management District Meeting, Conference Room 3A, 4:30 p.m.

August 12

- Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.

August 13

- Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB), TBD, 12 p.m.
- Housing Trust Fund, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

August 14

- Parks and Recreation Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

August 18

- Frisco Neighborhood Watch General Meeting, Police Department, 7:30 p.m.

August 19

- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

August 20

- Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors Meeting (EDC), 6801 Gaylord Parkway, 6 p.m.

August 21

- Arts of Collin County (ACC), City of Allen 4 p.m.
- Community Development Corporation (CDC) Meeting, Conference Room 3A, 6:30 p.m.

August 26

- Heritage Association, Council Chambers, 10 a.m.
- Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.

August 27

- Urban Forestry Board, 6726 Walnut Street, 6:30 p.m.

August 28

- N. TX Municipal Water District Meeting, 505 East Brown St., Wylie, TX. 4 p.m.
- Frisco Public Library Foundation Board Meeting, Library Programming Room, 6:45 p.m.

Community Emergency Response Team Graduates



Community Emergency Response Team No. 13 graduates include: Louis Bollinger, Jude Coke, Scott Esserine, Melissa Gebert, Randal Griggs, Joe McGovern, Robert Rankin, William Sharon, Gregory Wilson.

Congratulations also to those who completed Class No. 13 of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. This important program is designed to better prepare citizens to respond to disasters and other emergencies within their immediate neighborhoods and provide critical support to first responders in such situations. Captain Shawn Brightman and firefighter/paramedic Andrew Valentini presented course completion certificates to the participants on May 13, 2008.

Citizens Fire Academy Graduates



Citizens Fire Academy Class No. 21 graduates include: Stacie Ball, Jennifer Bradley, Cody Caudill, Aaron Cobb, Anne Fucaloro, Dan Garten, Karen Gilley, Tracyne Heldman, James Holcomb, Claudia Holcomb, Mary Jones, Rocky Kelley, Jennifer Kimble, Michael Lilley, Rhonda Martin, Sara Petroff, Xiomara Rolon, Wesley Sales, Rosie Sena, Charles Smith, Bryan Smith, Chris Smith, T. Lynn Tompkins Jr., Michael Turney.

Congratulations to the members of Citizens Fire Academy Class No. 21 for their successful completion of the Frisco Fire Department Citizens Fire Academy (CFA). Fire Chief Mack Borchardt, Mayor Maher Maso, and Battalion Chief Paul Farrow presented the participants with their certificates on May 28, 2008 at a graduation ceremony and reception attended by family and friends of the participants as well as Fire Department personnel.



If you think you missed National Night Out – do not worry. Traditionally the crime prevention initiative takes place the first Tuesday of

August. Because of the Texas summer heat, many Texas cities, including Frisco, have decided to move National Night Out to the first Tuesday night in October.

October 7 will mark the 14th year Frisco has participated in National Night Out (NNO). National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored by the Frisco Police Department and Frisco Neighborhood Watch.

It is a great opportunity to spend an evening outdoors getting to know your neighbors better, while learning about crime and drug prevention from police. Find out to register your neighborhood's block party online at www.friscotexas.gov/police.

Also mark your calendar for the Green Home, Health & Safety Fair on Saturday, October 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year it will be located at the Frisco Athletic Center.

SAVE THE DATE:
National Night Out
is moving!

EVENT: National Night Out
DATE: Tuesday, October 7
TIME: Approximately 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Neighborhoods around Frisco

NEW! The Frisco Police Department is sponsoring a youth art contest in conjunction with National Night Out. The first place winner's poster will be featured in the city's post project report award submittal.

Entry Guidelines

Theme: "What National Night Out Means to Me"

(Use your favorite NNO memory or what you are going to do at this year's party as inspiration. Go on line to www.natw.org to get ideas for your artwork)

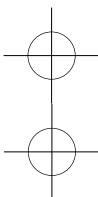
NNO logo is copy right protected and is not to be

used in your work

Size: 8 1/2 x 11

Deadline: Bring your entry for the contest and come join Frisco Police and McGruff on September 6 at the Frisco Police Department, located at 7200 Stonebrook Pkwy. The National Night Out Kick-off party is from 10 a.m. to Noon. Each participant will receive a NNO keepsake.

Registration: Fill out a contest entry form, which you can download from www.friscotexas.gov/police.





Smart Summer Landscape Tips

In late July and August outdoor water use typically reaches its peak in Frisco. Make sure that you are using your sprinkler system efficiently to apply the right amount of water that your lawn and plants need. Use these smart watering tips to improve your sprinkler system efficiency and properly care for your beautiful landscape during the extreme summer heat.

Schedule wisely

- Consider each individual zone of your sprinkler system, keeping in mind the plant type, soil type, slope, and the type of sprinkler heads you have in each zone.
- Schedule each zone accordingly. Allow your sprinkler system to operate late in the evening or early in the

morning to avoid watering during the hours restricted by the city's Water Conservation Plan: **No outdoor watering between 5 a.m. and 8 a.m., and between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily from June 1 through September 30.**

Maintain wisely

- Familiarize yourself with your sprinkler system timer. Once you understand how to adjust the settings you can make seasonal changes to your system based on your plants' watering needs.
- Have your irrigation or landscape contractor check for leaks. Routine checks can greatly reduce water waste outside of your home where you least notice leaks.
- Call to schedule a free 'Irrigation Check-Up' with the City of Frisco Irrigation

Specialist, Mike Barth, at 972-292-5844.

Water efficiently

- Try using the Cycle and Soak Method. This method applies the same amount of water slowly so that our clay-like soil can absorb all the water it receives. Rather than running each zone for 15 minutes, run each zone for about five minutes or until you see water beginning to run off. Spilt the total run time into three cycles about one hour apart.
- Install drip irrigation for your flowerbeds and foundation. Drip irrigation applies water much more slowly than normal sprinklers. Water flows through emitters closer to the source, reducing the amount of water lost through evaporation or run off.

- Take the guesswork out of your landscape's watering needs and use a weather-based or ET (Evapotranspiration) controller for your sprinkler system. Unlike a standard sprinkler system timer, ET controllers allow you to program zone-specific details like soil type, plant type, sun exposure, and sprinkler head varieties into the controller. From there, ET controllers use weather-based technology to water a landscape with the right amount of water, when water is needed.
- Learn about the City of Frisco's ET Controller Program:
- New homeowners, with homes already equipped with an ET controller from their builder, can register their controller and have it inspected

for programming adjustments.

- Existing homeowners, with standard sprinkler system timers, are eligible for a one-time, \$100 retro-fit rebate after registering their ET controller with the city.
- Both new and retro-fit homes receive an irrigation check-up, programming recommendations, and an ET controller yard sign to indicate a watering-day exemption if mandatory drought restrictions go into effect.
- Visit www.friscotexas.gov/water or call the Water Education Coordinator at 972-292-5814 to learn more about ET controller technology and how you can part of the program.

Think green when you clean



City of Frisco Environmental Services staff holds the next 'Chunk Your Junk' event on Saturday, August 16 from 8 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at 6616 Walnut St. (next door to the Environmental Collection Center). For directions to the facility call 972-292-5900, or go to www.FriscoTexas.gov/recycle.

Prevent identity theft – do not just toss out old paperwork that's been piling up. You can safely destroy documents by using the free paper shredding service. There is a four-box limit per household, with box size not to exceed 12" W x 15.5" L. We cannot accept commercial paperwork for shredding.

Bring the following items for safe disposal, recycling, or donation:

- Appliances (tagged Freon free)
- Batteries
- Carpet
- Cell phones,
- Computers & printers
- Exercise equipment
- Fax machines
- Fencing
- Furniture
- Gasoline

- Household chemicals
- Lawn brush and tree limbs
- Metal
- Paints
- Pesticides
- Printers
- Old clothes and other items to be donated to charity
- Solvents

Remember it is better to arrive earlier than later. 'Chunk Your Junk' continues to grow in popularity, and the drop off line remains steady all morning. In fact, no vehicles will be allowed in line after 11:30 a.m.. This will ensure everyone waiting has a chance to get through by the

noon end time.

An alternate traffic pattern will be used around the drop-off location to improve vehicle flow and to provide more efficient service. Drivers will not be able to go north on First or Second Streets to get to Walnut. Instead, vehicles will be rerouted down eastbound Main Street to North County Road and from North County Road to First Street. The drop-off line will form in a southbound direction on First Street and then wind around to eastbound Walnut. Electronic signs will be posted along the route to help guide drivers.

Changes at the Environmental Collection Center

Starting on September 1 the Household Chemical Collection program at the Environmental Collection Center (located at 6726 Walnut St.) will have new operating hours:

Summer Hours: (March – September)	Wednesdays Saturdays	2 p.m. - 7 p.m. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Winter Hours: (October to February)	Wednesday Saturdays	2 p.m. - 5 p.m. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

*Paint, pesticides, other chemicals, and electronics may only be dropped off during these times.

Monthly Bloom

Texas Lantana

Even as dreary hot summer days go on, our Texas Lantana's blossoms outstandingly grow strong. A true Texas native plant like the lantana doesn't mess with water. In fact, it even outshines other drought tolerant plants. Shade or no shade, see why hummingbirds and butterflies enjoy a Texas Lantana's fruitful glow.

Fun Plant Facts

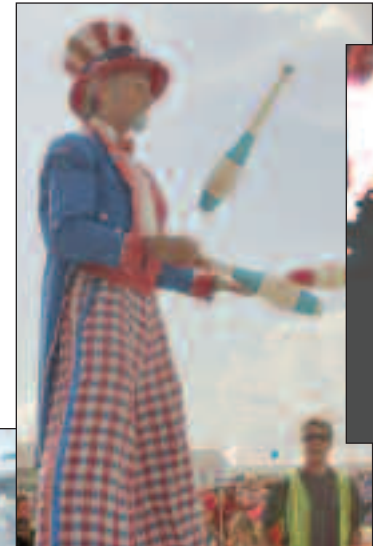
Plant Type:	Perennial
Plant Form:	Spreading
Light Required:	Full Sun, Partial Shade
Water Demand:	Low
Plant Height (ft.):	6'
Plant Spread (ft.):	5'
Ornamental Value:	Orange, Yellow, Pink
Months Of Bloom:	Apr - Nov
Native Texas Plant:	Adapted
Deciduous/Evergreen:	Deciduous
Wildlife Value:	Birds & Butterflies
Notes:	Blooms more profusely as the heat gets more intense. Northern cardinals and other species of birds eat the ripe fruit. Larval host plant of the Painted Lady.

Find many more Texas Smartscape™ native and adapted plants for your beautiful garden by visiting the City of Frisco's Public Works Demonstration Garden at 11300 Research Road or going online to www.txsmartscape.com.



FRISCO FREEDOM FEST

JULY 4



A Tasty Success

A big thank you to the 26 restaurants who participated in the Taste of Frisco during Frisco Freedom Fest 2008. We also want to congratulate the winners of the 'best of' contest. The Frisco City Council took on the challenge of judging and sampling all of the enticing entries. Their selections are listed below:

Best Appetizer

1. Cristina's Mexican Restaurant – Ballpark Nachos
2. 3rd Base Sports Bar & Grill – Pork Wings
3. Fish Express – Hush Puppies

Best Main Dish

1. Caribbean Café – Cuban Sandwich
2. Cantina Laredo – Beef Fajita Tacos
3. Mattitos Tex-Mex Cocina – Fajita Tacos

Best Dessert

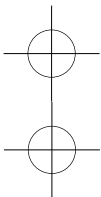
1. Celebrity Café & Bakery – White Chocolate Toffee Cake
2. Brain Freeze – Chocolate Dipped Cheesecake
3. Edible Arrangements – Chocolate Covered Strawberry

Best Unique Dish

1. Marble Slab – Ice Cream
2. Goin' Nuts – Cinnamon Glazed Nuts
3. Lochrann's Irish Pub & Eatery – Leprechaun's Gold

Best Booth Decoration

1. Lochrann's Irish Pub & Eatery
2. Panda Express
3. Mattitos Tex-Mex Cocina



FREEDOM FEST 2008



THANK YOU!

Mayor Maher Maso and Frisco City Council, along with city staff, thank everyone who made 2008's event the biggest Freedom Fest yet. An estimated 35,000 people attended the festival in Simpson Plaza at City Hall and at Pizza Hut Park – the venue for the FC Dallas soccer match – and two concerts: new artist Freddy, and the headliner - the Temptations Review with Dennis Edwards.

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